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has in the past and also then to look at LB 659 and now LB 650 (sic--LB 560), which is amended in...or which is proposed to be amended into this, so I've asked for a bracket motion until March 13, which would give time for the Attorney General to render an Opinion that we could all examine and then go from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. On the bracket motion to LB 659, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I rise, of course, to oppose the motion by Senator Jensen to bracket it, for a number of reasons. I think the Attorney General's Opinion that Senator Jensen refers to was written on LB 5...4 or 522 back in 1997, and I won't quote through it but, on the other hand, it's very lengthy, very lengthy discretion, and on page 15 the conclusion of that of which I will not read indicates, obviously, that it isn't necessarily unconstitutional, case number one. I think we can interpret what somebody says, including the Attorney General, in different ways, but the way it's interpreted by me and others indicates that, in fact, it is constitutional, the language is correct. Also there are a number of other reasons as well and why we think that Pull-Tab Network Technology with the Nebraska Constitution and the Attorney complies General's Opinion as of number 95085. See, I'm talking like I'm a lawyer, and I'm not, obviously, but in my heart I think I know what's right and I know sometimes the interpretations can be misinterpreted as well. And, simply put, the Attorney General's Opinion dated February 13, 1997, was issued on the original language from LB 522 and the Opinion stated that proposed authorizing language electronic keno unconstitutional, and that with respect to electronic pickle card play that it was questionable, not illegal but questionable, and that there was a generous...a serious question with respect to the Nebraska Constitution. Didn't say there He said it possibly could be a serious question. Well, a lot of us who know how those games have played, even though we don't play them ourselves very often, disagree with the fact that the unconstitutionality concerns that Senator Jensen has and maybe some others are not...are not sufficient enough to cause us to bracket this bill. I won't go into any more detail, but I'll try to answer questions you might have. Just a minute.